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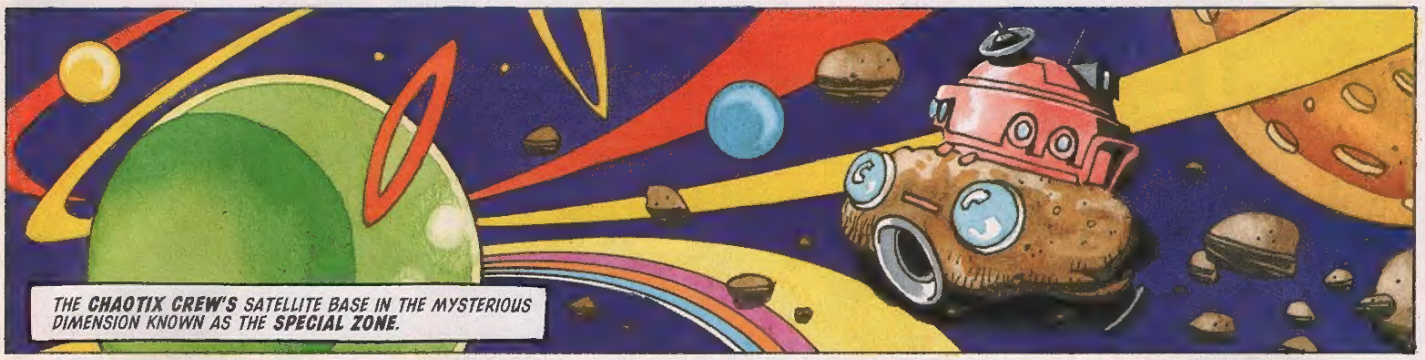
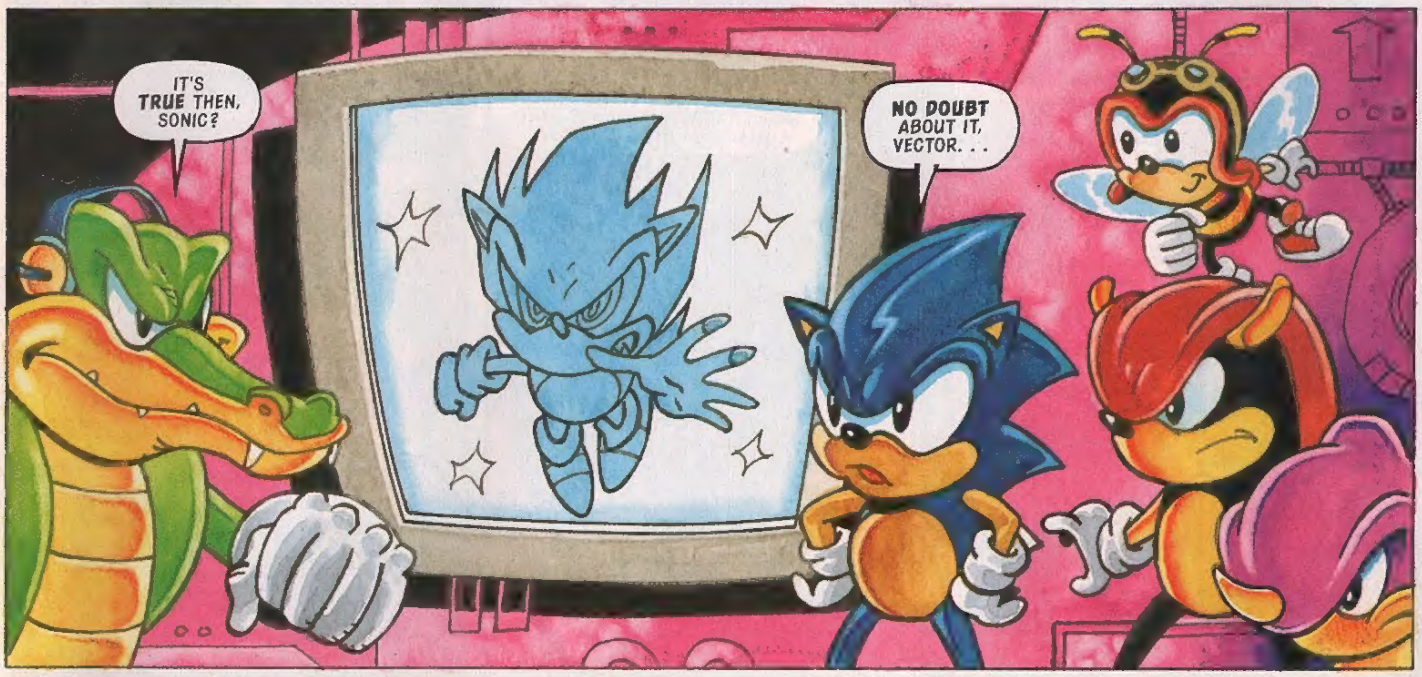
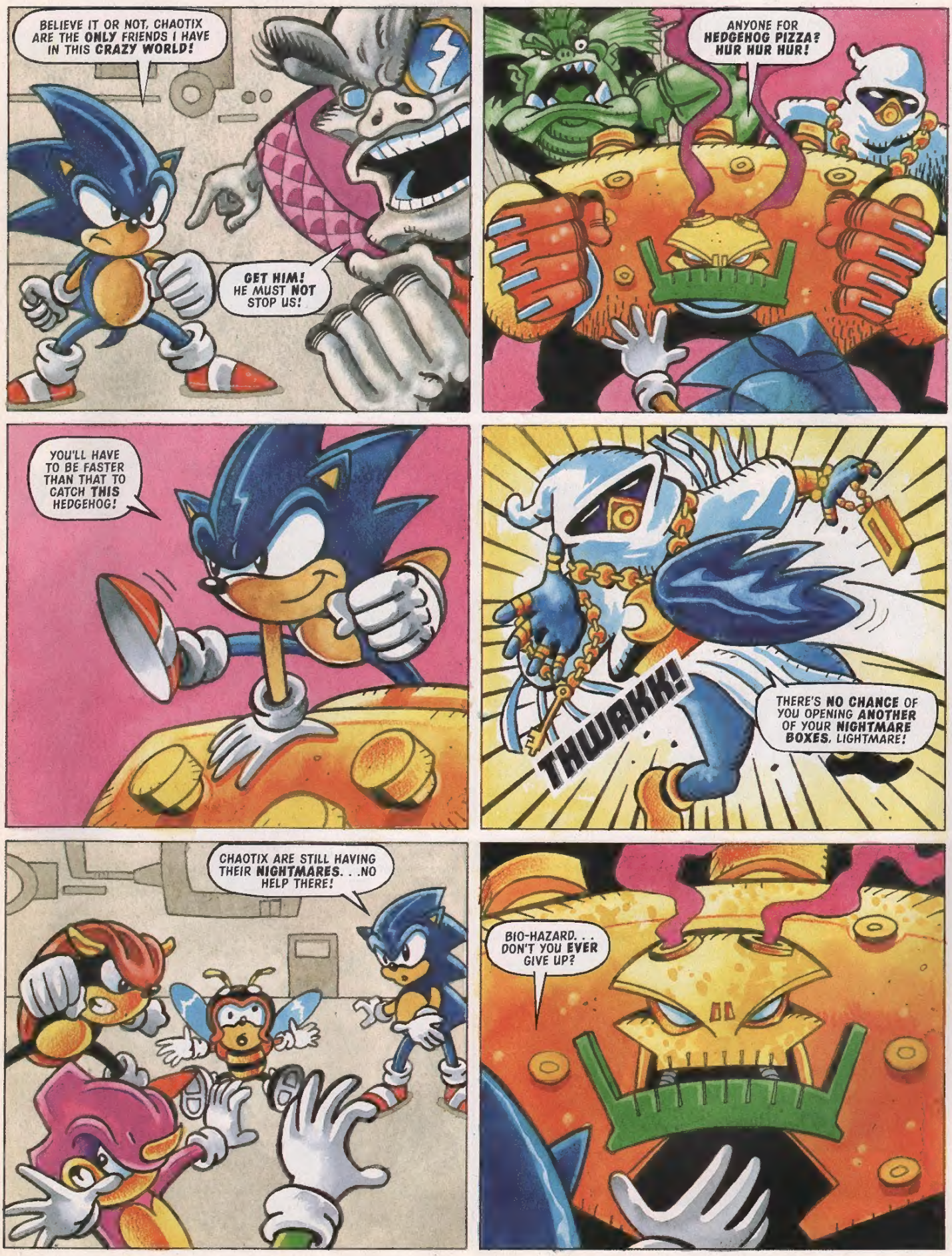




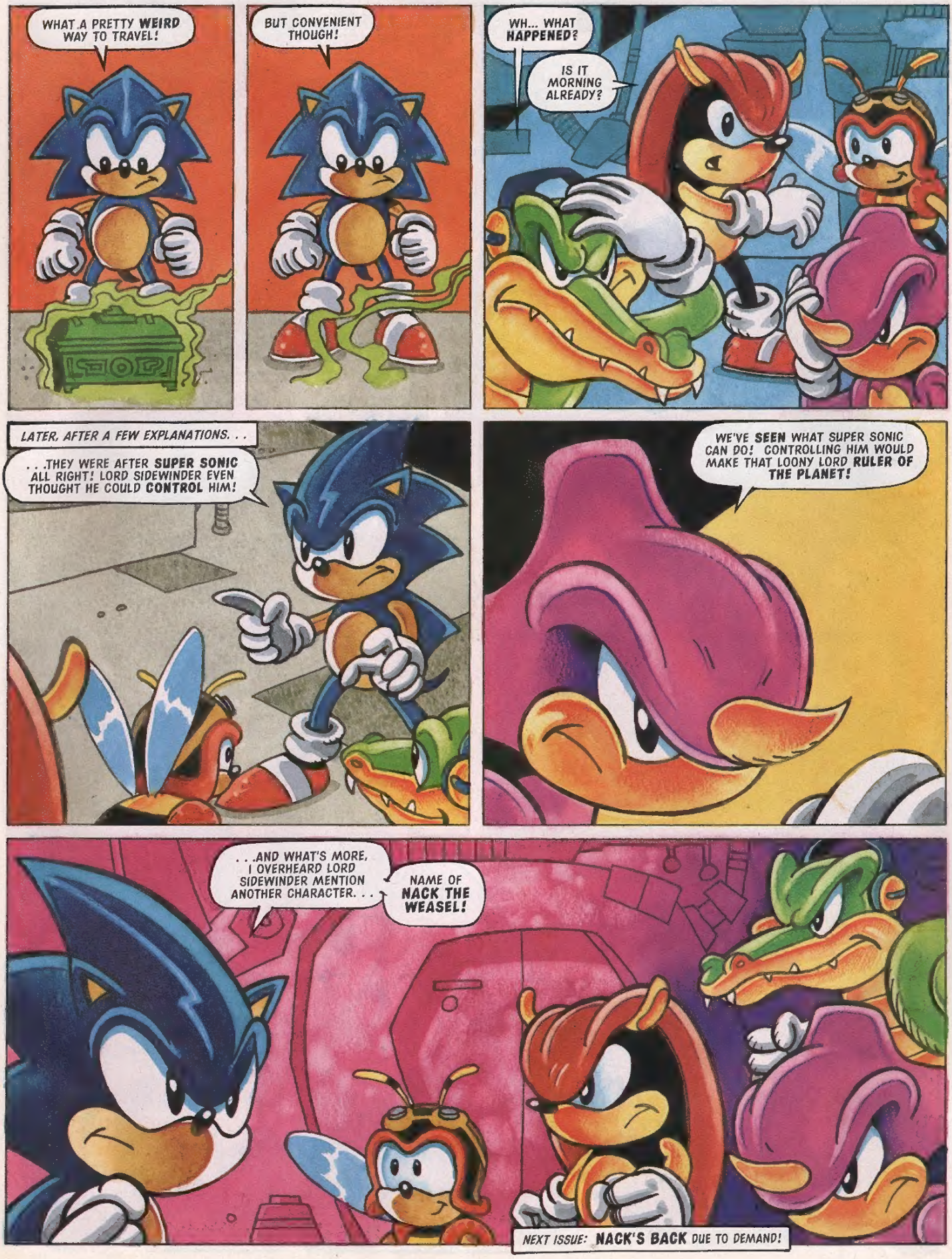
RIDICULOUS! I NEVER YELL AT YOU!
GUYS, STEADY. . .
YOU DO ALWAYS YELL AT CHARMY, VECTOR. . . ALTHOUGH I DON'T BLAME YOU!
LOOK, WE ALL THOUGHT THE OMNI-VIEWER HAD TRAPPED SUPER SONIC BY STOPPING TIME. . . HOLDING HIM MOTIONLESS!
SO, WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE OMNI-VIEWER MUST HAVE FAILED! HE HASN'T STOPPED TIME, JUST SLOWED IT DOWN!
I GET IT, ESPIO. . . SUPER SONIC'S JUST MOVING IN TOTAL SLOW MOTION!
SO WHEN HE'S EVENTUALLY FREE OF THE OMNI-VIEWER, WE'LL ALL BE IN BIG TROUBLE!
HEY, WHO LEFT THIS HERE?
NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE, MIGHTY.
DON'T GET DISTRACTED, GUYS!

JIMINY CREEPERS, NOT THAT!
I. . .I'M FALLING!
WHAT'S HAPPENING. . . I DON'T SEE ANYTHING!

WELL DONE, LIGHTMARE! YOUR BOX OF NIGHTMARES CAUGHT THE FOOLS COMPLETELY OFF GUARD!
NATURALLY, LORD SIDEWINDER! AND AS LONG AS THE LID IS OPEN, THEY'LL CONTINUE TO LIVE THEIR WORST NIGHTMARES!
THIS SHRINKING DEVICE SUPPLIED BY NACK THE WEASEL WORKS PERFECTLY!*
*YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT ISSUE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT NACK! -- Megadroid.
THERE HE IS, PROBABLY THE MOST POWERFUL CREATURE IN THE UNIVERSE!
SO POWERFUL THAT HE NEARLY TOPPED THE LOT OF US!
BUT THIS TIME, MR FRY, SUPER SONIC WILL BE MY SLAVE!
FIRST WE MUST GET HIM BACK TO OUR HIDEOUT!
YOU'RE CRAZY! YOU CAN'T CONTROL THAT CREATURE! HE'D KILL YOU, THEN PROBABLY DESTROY THE ENTIRE PLANET!
HEY! WHAT'S DA HEDGEHOG DOIN' HERE?


BELIEVE IT OR NOT, CHAOTIX ARE THE ONLY FRIENDS I HAVE IN THIS CRAZY WORLD!
GET HIM! HE MUST NOT STOP US!
ANYONE FOR HEDGEHOG PIZZA? HUR HUR HUR!
YOU'LL HAVE TO BE FASTER THAN THAT TO CATCH THIS HEDGEHOG!
THWAKK!
THERE'S NO CHANCE OF YOU OPENING ANOTHER OF YOUR NIGHTMARE BOXES, LIGHTMARE!
CHAOTIX ARE STILL HAVING THEIR NIGHTMARES. . .NO HELP THERE!
BIO-HAZARD. . . DON'T YOU EVER GIVE UP?

HOW'D YA LIKE A FACE FULL OF TOXIC WASTE, YA LITTLE...
YECCCH!
IS THIS YOUR OWN RECIPE, BIO-HAZARD!
SPLUUURGE!
NO!
YOU FOOL, BIO-HAZARD! JUST HOW POISONOUS IS THIS FILTHY STUFF?
UH, IT'S PRETTY DEADLY... BUT I GOT THE ANTIDOTE BACK AT DA HIDEOUT!
THEN I SUGGEST YOU AND SIDEWINDER LOSE YOURSELVES BACK THERE!
GO ON, BEAT IT BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND!
SO, AFTER THE VILLAINS HAVE SHRUNK THEMSELVES ONCE AGAIN...
IF I GET ANY OF THIS FILTH ON MY SUIT...
WORRY ABOUT YOUR DRY CLEANING BILL LATER, MR FRY!


WHAT A PRETTY WEIRD WAY TO TRAVEL!
BUT CONVENIENT THOUGH!
WH... WHAT HAPPENED?
IS IT MORNING ALREADY?
LATER, AFTER A FEW EXPLANATIONS. . .
. . .THEY WERE AFTER SUPER SONIC ALL RIGHT! LORD SIDEWINDER EVEN THOUGHT HE COULD CONTROL HIM!
WE'VE SEEN WHAT SUPER SONIC CAN DO! CONTROLLING HIM WOULD MAKE THAT LOONY LORD RULER OF THE PLANET!
. . .AND WHAT'S MORE, I OVERHEARD LORD SIDEWINDER MENTION ANOTHER CHARACTER. . .
NAME OF NACK THE WEASEL!
NEXT ISSUE: NACK'S BACK DUE TO DEMAND!

THE WILD FRONTIER TOWN OF BACKWATER.
OWW! I'M GONNA TELL MY PA!
GO AHEAD, YOU LITTLE SKUNK! CRYING TO YOUR PA IS ABOUT ALL YOU'RE GOOD FOR!
YOU LET A MAD MOB DRAG A PRISONER FROM THE CELLS... THEY WERE GOING TO LYNCH HIM!
YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO THAT DEPUTYS' BADGE!
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE I NEED ME A NEW DEPUTY...
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THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE ECHIDNA
Part 3
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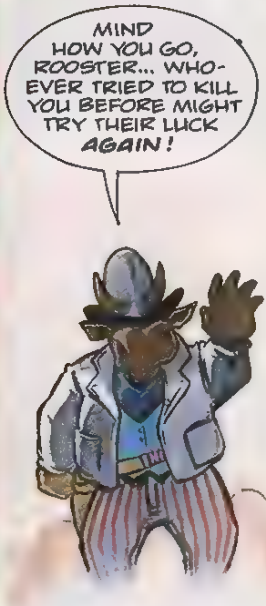
WHAT DO YOU SAY, KNUCKLES?

LATER THAT DAY...
WELL, I'D BETTER MAKE TRACKS, SHERIFF!
IF I DON'T GET MY HERD OF APTERIX TO METROPOLIS CITY BY THE END OF THE WEEK, I'LL MISS THE MARKETS!

YUH *REALLY* THINK CHITO'S BEHIND THAT ATTEMPT ON MY LIFE?
CAN'T SAY FER *SURE*. BUT WE AIN'T SEEN HIDE NOR HAIR OF HIM SINCE THE TOWNSFOLK TRIED TO STRING UP KNUCKLES.


MIND HOW YOU GO, ROOSTER... WHO-EVER TRIED TO KILL YOU BEFORE MIGHT TRY THEIR LUCK *AGAIN!*

MEANWHILE IN BACKWATER'S SALOON...
THEY SAY IT WAS *BOSS KROUCH'S* MEN WHO TRIED TO LYNCH HIM...

THAT'S WHAT I HEARD TOO!

AND I'LL BE PAYING A VISIT TO MAYOR KROUCH IN DUE COURSE!
YOU THE NEW DEPUTY, SON?
SHERIFF SAYS I SHOULDN'T LEAVE TOWN UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHO'S BEEN TRYING TO KILL ROOSTER.
I THOUGHT I MIGHT AS WELL HELP OUT!
FEELING THIRSTY?
NOT FOR THAT STUFF!
WHAT I WOULD LIKE IS TO FIND A SLIMY RABBIT CALLED CHITO!
NOW WHY'RE YOU LOOKING FOR ME, AMIGO?

SWAKK!
DIDN'T YOUR FOLKS WARN YOU AGAINST PLAYING WITH GUNS?
SPLSH!
HEY! THIS IS MY BEST SUIT!
NOT TO MENTION, MY ONLY SUIT!
WHAKK!
CRASH!
OOF!
THUD!
AGHH!
OWW!
WAK!
AS IT'S GETTING A BIT CROWDED IN HERE, WHY DON'T WE TAKE THIS...
SWAKK!

KRAAASH!
...OUTSIDE!
TALK, CHITO... YOU WORK FOR BOSS KROUCH, DON'T YOU? IT'S YOU WHO HAS BEEN TRYING TO KILL ROOSTER!
NO MORE, SEÑOR... I ADMIT IT!
WHERE'S KROUCH NOW? I WANT TO TALK TO HIM!
HE LEFT TOWN...
...DECIDED TO TRY AND KEEL ROOSTER HIMSELF!
YOUR FRIEND, HE IS AS GOOD AS FINISHED!
YEAH? WELL, WE'LL JUST SEE ABOUT THAT!
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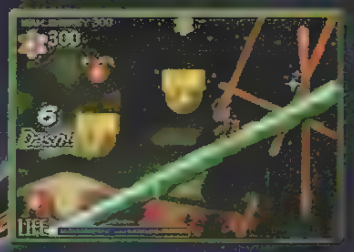

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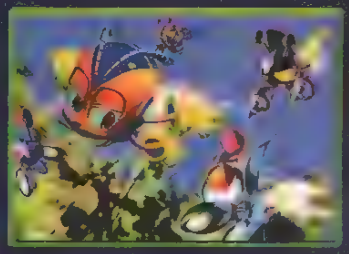

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Part 6
CAPTAIN Plunder AND THE SPICE MAIDENS
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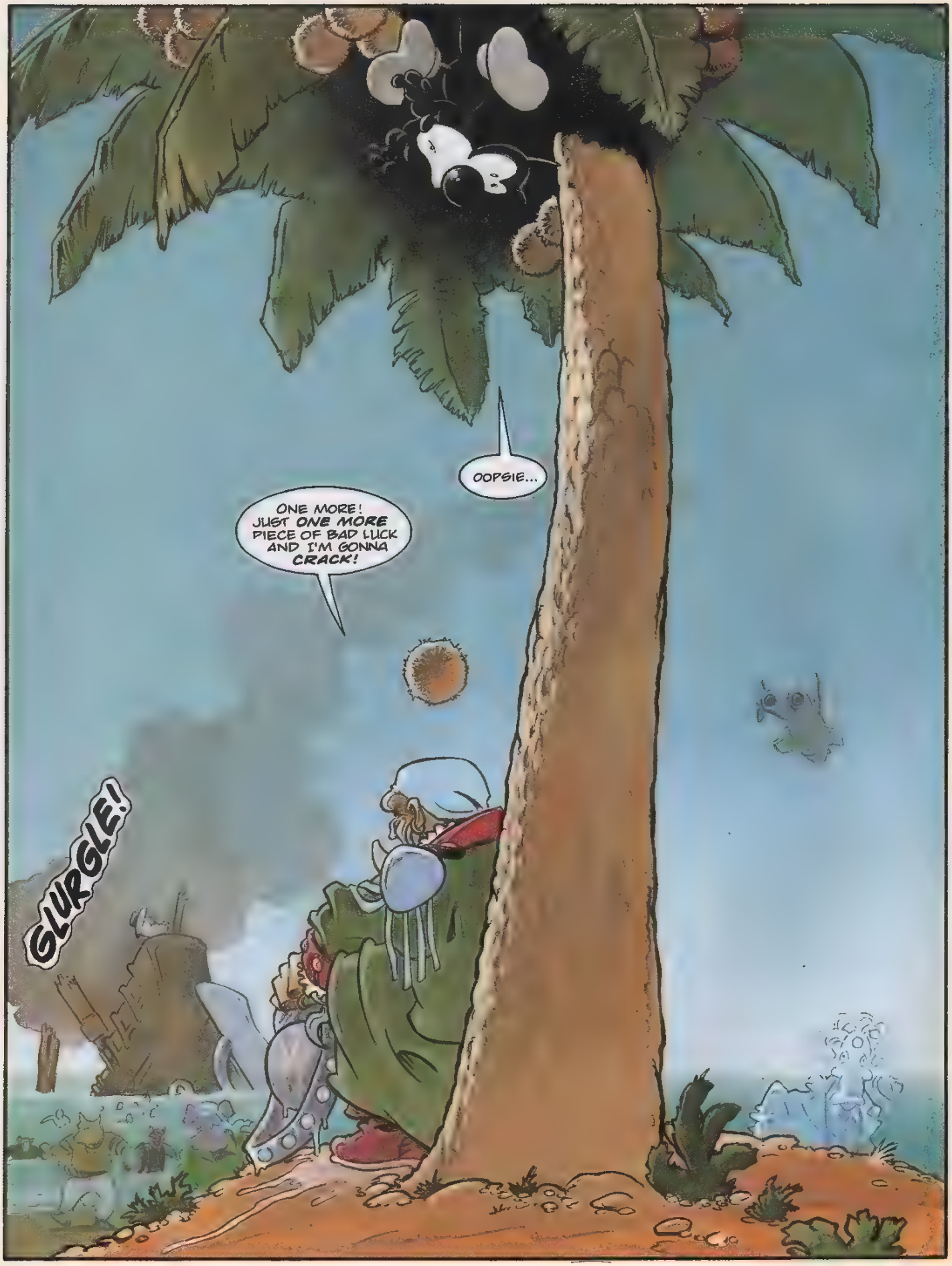
IT'S NO GOOD, CAPTAIN TIBERIUS, WE CAN'T GET A LOCK ON HIS SIGNAL. CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S SHIP IS STILL PROTECTED BY HIS SECURITY SHIELD.
PLUNDER'S A LUCKY DOG! IT FEELS LIKE WE'VE BEEN CHASING HIM FOREVER!
DON'T WORRY, HIS LUCK CAN'T LAST!
AYE. AND THEN I'LL MAKE THE DOG PAY FOR BETRAYING ME WHEN WE BOTH SERVED UNDER BLACK BEAK!

YOU WANT ME TO CHOOSE ONE, ZORABEL?
THAT'S RIGHT, PLUNDER! ONE CHEST BE EMPTY, AND THE OTHER ONE CONTAINS YOUR SHARE OF THE TREASURE WE LOOTED!
EE CAN KEEP THE TREASURE, IF EE PICKS THE RIGHT ONE!
BUT, BUT, THEY BOTH LOOK THE SAME!
THAT BE YOUR PROBLEM, PLUNDER!
WHY LET HIM CHOOSE AT ALL?
BECAUSE, PEPPER, HE'S CURSED WITH BAD LUCK, REMEMBER?
KREEK
BESIDES, THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL CHOOSE THE RIGHT CHEST!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! HE DID IT! HE PICKED THE RIGHT CHEST!
LOOKS LIKE ME LUCK'S ACHANGING!
ALL RIGHT, I CHOOSE ...THIS ONE!

AFTER RETURNING QUEEN ZORABEL AND THE SPICE MAIDENS TO SCOURGE BAY, CAPTAIN PLUNDER AND HIS CREW SET SAIL ONCE AGAIN.
I DID IT, FILCH! I GOT ME THE TREASURE!
AYE, CAP'N... LOOKS LIKE THAT CURSE HAS FINALLY WORN OFF!
KRAK!
WHOOOA... WHAAA... WHOA!
OOF! HA! SEE, IF I'D REALLY BEEN CURSED, I'D 'AVE GONE OVER THE SIDE, THERE.
THUMP!
KRAK!

AAAAAH!
THUNK!
IT BE ALL RIGHT, MATES. I'VE STILL GOT THE TREASURE. HAUL ME BACK UP!
OH NO!
CHAKK!
CAP'N! ALL THAT GOLD HAS DISRUPTED THE SECURITY SHIELD!
I JUST DON'T CARE ANY MORE! MY LUCK CAN'T GET ANY WORSE!
WHAT ELSE BE THERE THAT COULD GO WRONG?


OOPSIE...
ONE MORE! JUST ONE MORE PIECE OF BAD LUCK AND I'M GONNA CRACK!
GLURGLE!

THE END

DOUBLE SONIC

ZERO ZONE

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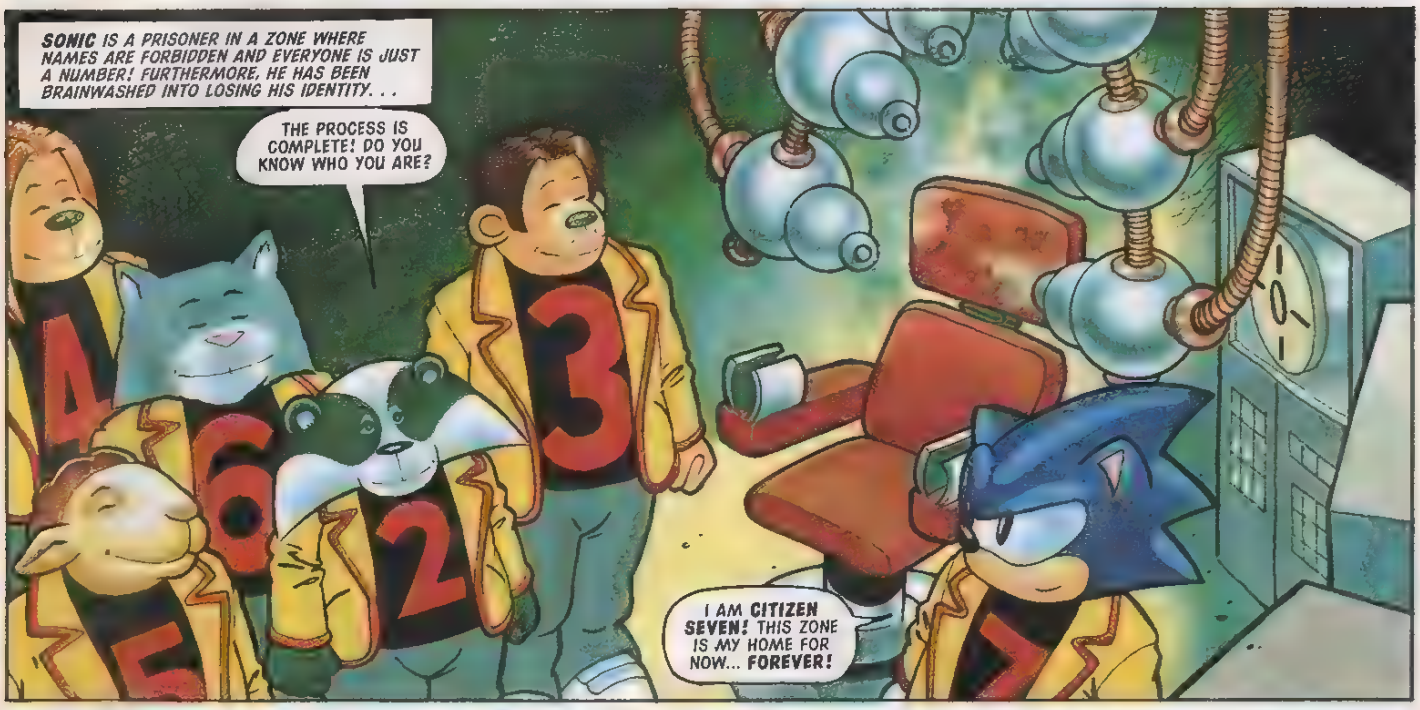
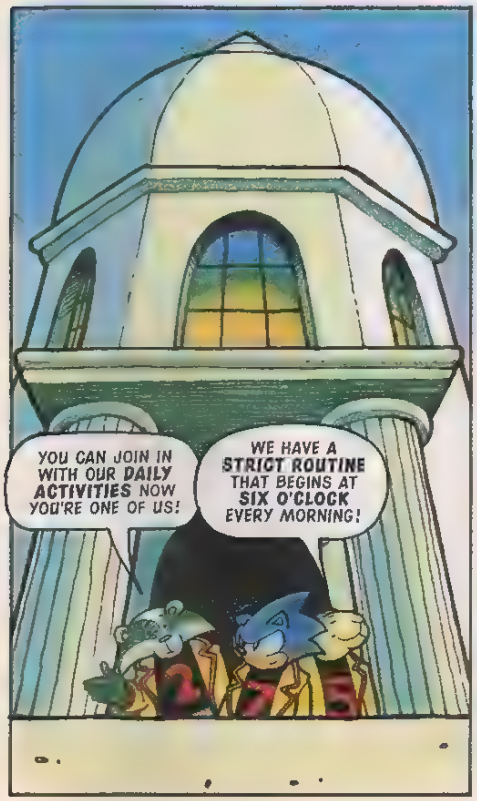
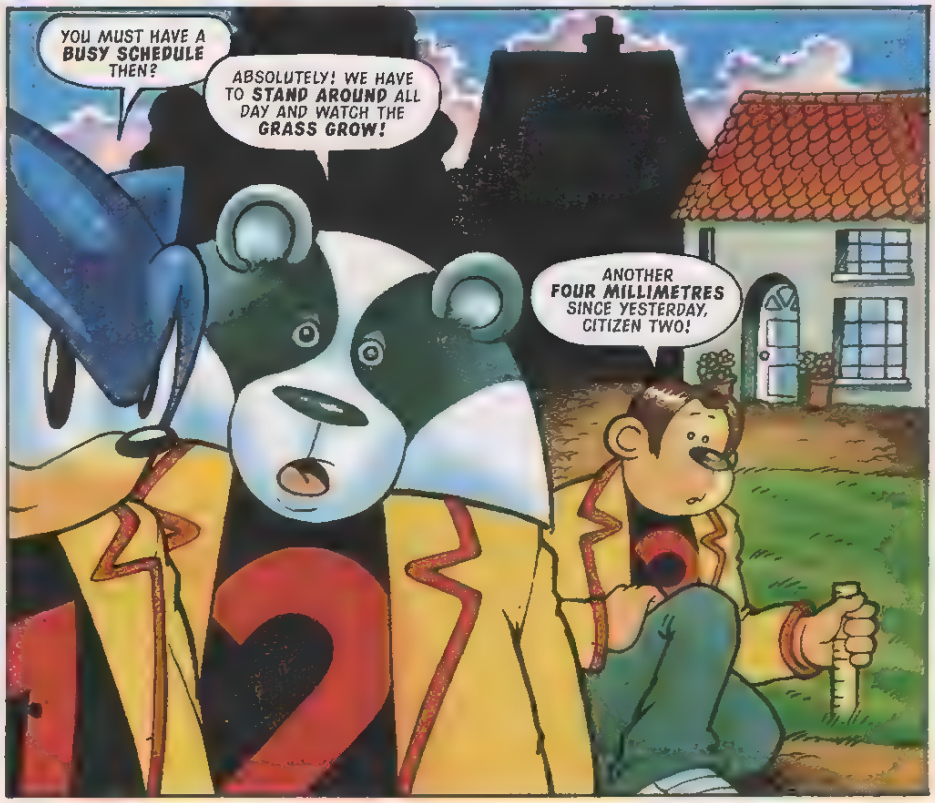

SONIC IS A PRISONER IN A ZONE WHERE NAMES ARE FORBIDDEN AND EVERYONE IS JUST A NUMBER! FURTHERMORE, HE HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED INTO LOSING HIS IDENTITY. . .
THE PROCESS IS COMPLETE! DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE?
I AM CITIZEN SEVEN! THIS ZONE IS MY HOME FOR NOW... FOREVER!

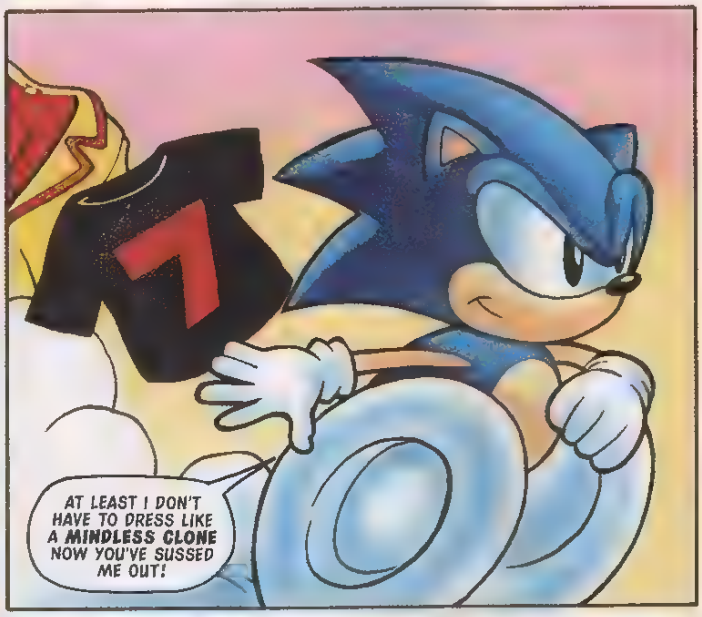

YOU CAN JOIN IN WITH OUR DAILY ACTIVITIES NOW YOU'RE ONE OF US!
WE HAVE A STRICT ROUTINE THAT BEGINS AT SIX O'CLOCK EVERY MORNING!

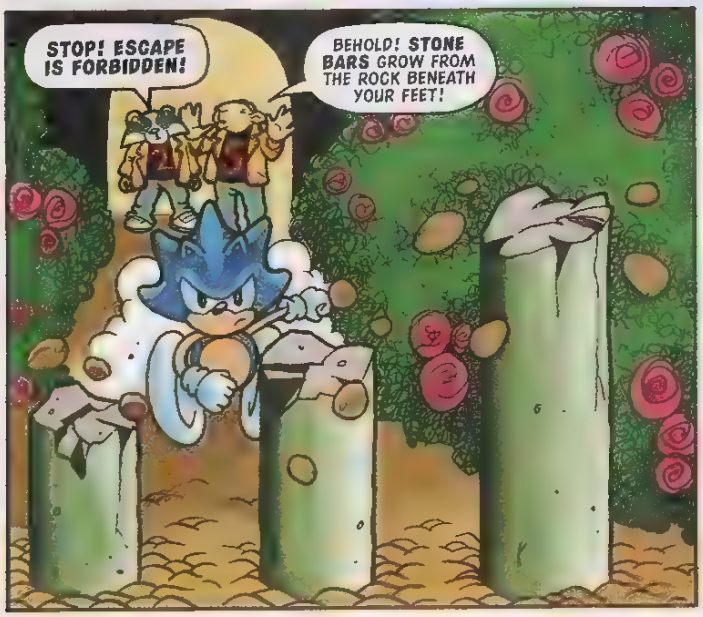

YOU MUST HAVE A BUSY SCHEDULE THEN?
ABSOLUTELY! WE HAVE TO STAND AROUND ALL DAY AND WATCH THE GRASS GROW!
ANOTHER FOUR MILLIMETRES SINCE YESTERDAY, CITIZEN TWO!

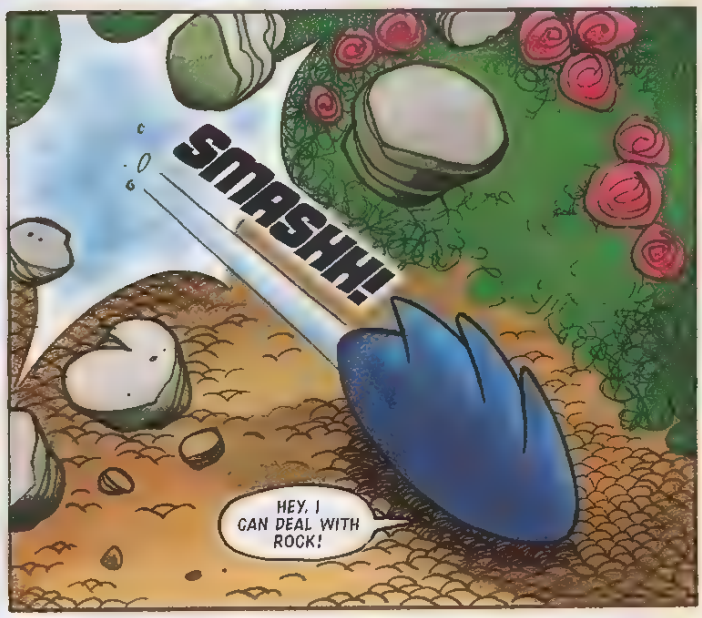
ER... THAT'S ALL YOU DO?
HAHAHAHA! DON'T BE SILLY! WE COUNT CLOUDS TOO!
OOH! THERE'S A FLUFFY ONE!

IT'S A FULL AND HAPPY LIFE... AS LONG AS WE FOLLOW THE RULES!
WHO MAKES THE RULES? CITIZEN ONE? CAN I MEET HIM NOW I'M ONE OF THE FAMILY?

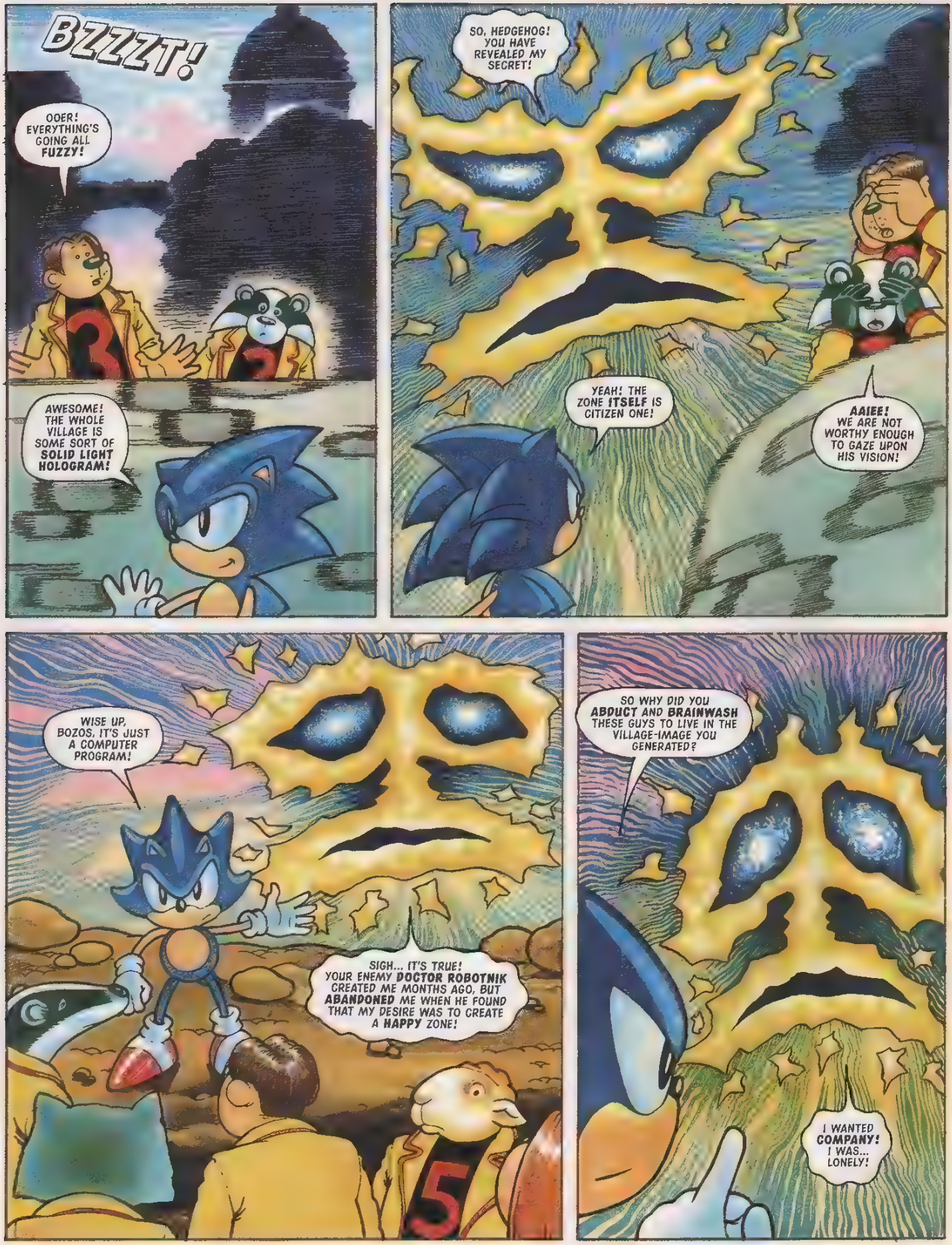
YOU ASK A FORBIDDEN QUESTION!
THE BRAINWASHING MACHINE DIDN'T WORK ON YOU!
THAT THING COULDN'T EVEN WASH SOCKS!


AT LEAST I DON'T HAVE TO DRESS LIKE A MINDLESS CLONE NOW YOU'VE SUSSED ME OUT!


STOP! ESCAPE IS FORBIDDEN!
BEHOLD! STONE BARS GROW FROM THE ROCK BENEATH YOUR FEET!


SMASHH!
HEY, I CAN DEAL WITH ROCK!

GET IT TOGETHER, CAMPERS! I'M LEADING US OUT OF HERE!
B-BUT WE LIKE THIS ZONE!
NICE LAWNS... CLOUDS... IT'S PERFECTION!
THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN HYPNOTISED INTO BELIEVING! DON'T YOU THINK THERE'S SOMETHING UNREAL ABOUT THIS PLACE?
THINKING IS FORBIDDEN!
QUITE!
ANYWAY, THE ZONE IS SURROUNDED BY A FORCE FIELD! NOBODY CAN ESCAPE!
NOW THERE'S A CHALLENGE ! CAN'T REFUSE!
MY SYSTEMS ARE ADJUSTED TO REPEL YOUR SUPER-SPIN ATTACKS, SONIC!
GUESS THAT'S CITIZEN ONE ! CAN HEAR, BUT I CAN'T SEE HIM!
TIME TO TRY A NEW MOVE I'VE BEEN WORKING ON! THE BLAST ATTACK!
KZZAMMM!


BZZZT!
OOER! EVERYTHING'S GOING ALL FUZZY!
AWESOME! THE WHOLE VILLAGE IS SOME SORT OF SOLID LIGHT HOLOGRAM!
SO, HEDGEHOG! YOU HAVE REVEALED MY SECRET!
YEAH! THE ZONE ITSELF IS CITIZEN ONE!
AAIEE! WE ARE NOT WORTHY ENOUGH TO GAZE UPON HIS VISION!
WISE UP, BOZOS, IT'S JUST A COMPUTER PROGRAM!
SIGH... IT'S TRUE! YOUR ENEMY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK CREATED ME MONTHS AGO, BUT ABANDONED ME WHEN HE FOUND THAT MY DESIRE WAS TO CREATE A HAPPY ZONE!
SO WHY DID YOU ABDUCT AND BRAINWASH THESE GUYS TO LIVE IN THE VILLAGE-IMAGE YOU GENERATED?
I WANTED COMPANY! I WAS... LONELY!

I GUESS YOU DIDN'T INTEND ANY HARM! BUT IF YOU PUT YOUR PIXELS TO GOOD USE AND CREATE A ZONE PEOPLE WOULD WILLINGLY VISIT, YOU'LL HAVE LOTS OF RESIDENTS!
REALLY? I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!
REARRANGING HIS PIXELS, "CITIZEN ONE" BEGINS TO CREATE A NEW ZONE DESIGNED FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE CITIZENS...
THE FINISHED RESULT!
LI DOGS
OKAY. IT'S NOT AS PEACEFUL AS IT WAS BEFORE, BUT AT LEAST I CAN GET A CHILLI DOG NOW!
...AND IT'S NOT JUST A HOLOGRAM! CHOMP!
THE END!

SONIC'S WORLD
Future Shock
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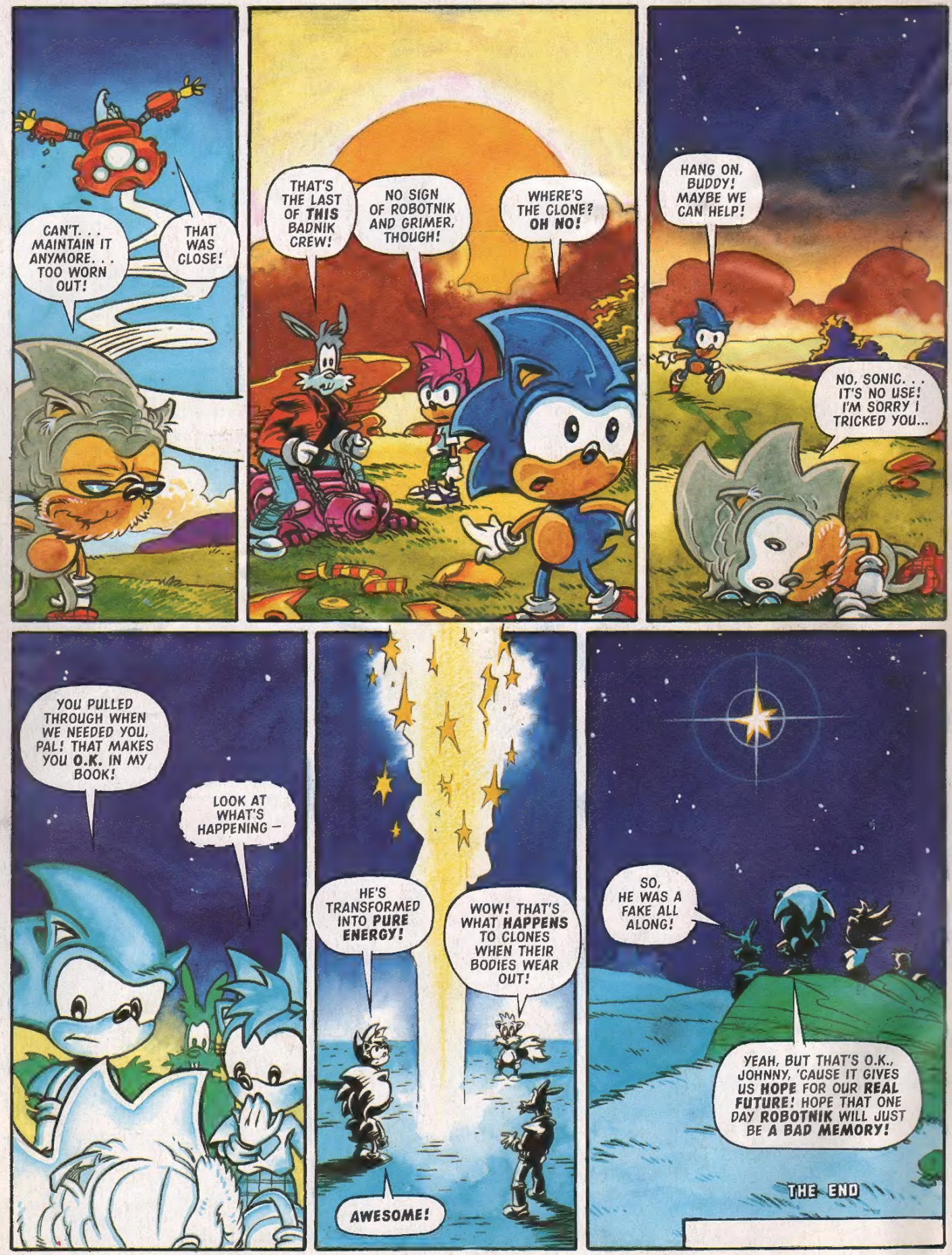
AN ELDERLY BLUE HEDGEHOG CLAIMING TO BE SONIC FROM THE FUTURE, HAS LED AMY, TAILS AND JOHNNY INTO A TRAP WITHIN THE CAVERNS BELOW PLANET MOBIUS. . .
YOU LOWLIFE! SO MUCH FOR WANTING TO HELP US!
YEAH! SONIC WOULD NEVER SELL US OUT TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
I'VE SEEN HOW YOU DUDES GET WIPED OUT IN THE FUTURE! I HAD TO TRICK YOU TO GET YOU HERE, BUT OUR ONLY HOPE FOR PEACE IS TO FOLLOW ROBOTNIK!
HAHAHA! OH WHAT A GLORIOUS VICTORY! HE ACTUALLY BELIEVES THAT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!
YOU'RE NOT "SONIC FROM THE FUTURE", YOU FOOL! YOU'RE A CLONE! I CREATED YOU!
. . .AND I HELPED!

A CLONE? YOU MEAN... I'M JUST A COPY OF THE REAL SONIC?
ABSOLUTELY! YOU'RE NOT FROM THE FUTURE AT ALL!
I TOOK A CELL SAMPLE FROM SONIC WHEN I CAPTURED HIM, AND GREW A DUPLICATE IN MY LABORATORY...
"I'D PLANNED TO USE THE CLONE TO ATTACK AND GIVE SONIC A BAD NAME...BUT SOMETHING WENT WRONG WITH THE EXPERIMENT AND THE CLONE AGED TOO RAPIDLY!"
"SO, I DECIDED TO BRAINWASH THE CLONE WITH A FALSE MEMORY, SO HE'D THINK HE WAS FROM A FUTURE WHICH HELD NO HOPE FOR OUTLAWS!"
BUT WE RAN TESTS WHICH PROVED THIS GUY WAS SONIC!
THEY JUST PROVED WHAT A GOOD COPY I AM, TAILS!

STOP HIM! LOWER THE CELL DOOR!
SMAASH!
WELL, SEEING AS I HAVE A COPY OF SONIC'S POWERS. . .OUTTA MY WAY, CREEPOS!
THONK!
SLAMM!
DRAT! THE CLONE'S ESCAPED! BUT WE STILL HAVE THE OTHERS!
SHORTLY, MILES AWAY, THE REAL SONIC WONDERS IF HE'S DONE THE RIGHT THING. . .
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET MY PALS GO OFF WITH THAT WRINKLED VERSION OF ME! THEY'RE BOUND TO GET IN TROUBLE!
SONIC!
GASP. . .YOUR FRIENDS. . . CAPTURED BY ROBOTNIK! WE. . . GASP. . .WE'VE GOT. . . TO HELP THEM!
I KNEW IT!

THE CLONE TELLS SONIC THE FULL STORY. . .
. . .SO NOW YOU'RE AGING AT A FASTER RATE, EH? I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T WEARING VERY WELL!
THANKS! NOT. . . MUCH TIME. . . HURRY!
SOON. . .
THERE THEY ARE!
NO SIGN OF OLD LARD BELLY, SO THEIR RESCUE SHOULD BE EASY!
YOU SHOULD BE SO LUCKY!
SAVE YOUR FRIENDS, SONIC! I'LL DEAL WITH HIM!
MEANWHILE, THE CLONE HAS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK TRAPPED IN A COCOON OF SUPER-SPEED. . .
HEY, BADNIKS! THEY MIGHT NOT LOOK MUCH TO YOU NUMBSKULLS, BUT THEY ARE MY PALS, SO HANDS OFF!
WHHOOOSHH!
WHAMM!
AAGH! YOU'RE TEARING MY BATTLE-CRAFT APART. . . NOOO!
A JUST REWARD. . .FOR THE LIES YOU PLANTED. . . IN MY BRAIN!
SPINNNN!


CAN'T. . . MAINTAIN IT ANYMORE. . . TOO WORN OUT!
THAT WAS CLOSE!
THAT'S THE LAST OF THIS BADNIK CREW!
NO SIGN OF ROBOTNIK AND GRIMER, THOUGH!
WHERE'S THE CLONE? OH NO!
HANG ON, BUDDY! MAYBE WE CAN HELP!
NO, SONIC. . . IT'S NO USE! I'M SORRY I TRICKED YOU...
YOU PULLED THROUGH WHEN WE NEEDED YOU, PAL! THAT MAKES YOU O.K. IN MY BOOK!
LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING —
HE'S TRANSFORMED INTO PURE ENERGY!
WOW! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS TO CLONES WHEN THEIR BODIES WEAR OUT!
AWESOME!
SO, HE WAS A FAKE ALL ALONG!
YEAH, BUT THAT'S O.K., JOHNNY, 'CAUSE IT GIVES US HOPE FOR OUR REAL FUTURE! HOPE THAT ONE DAY ROBOTNIK WILL JUST BE A BAD MEMORY!
THE END